

Appl. No. 10/645,226
Amendment dated February 10, 2005
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Amendments to the Claims

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A fluid-tight vial comprising:
 - (a) a substantially cylindrical container with an open end having a circumferential lip, a circumferential flange integral with said circumferential lip, a screw thread and a ratchet-toothed ring proximal to said open end; and
 - (b) a cap adapted to engage said container's open end in fluid-tight fashion, said cap comprising a circumferential skirt, a hinge, a frangible strip and a flip-top, wherein the inner portion of said skirt has a screw thread capable of matingly engaging said screw thread of said open end of said container and a ratchet-toothed ring capable of lockingly engaging said ratchet-toothed ring of said open end of said container when said cap is threaded onto said container[.]

wherein said flip-top has an inner circumferential recess capable of non-threadedly engaging said circumferential flange to form a fluid-tight seal between said flange and said recess.

2. (original) The vial of claim 1 wherein said screw thread of said container is located below said circumferential lip and said ratchet-toothed ring of said container is located beneath said screw thread of said container.

3. (original) The vial of claim 2 wherein said ratchet-toothed ring of said cap is located beneath said screw thread of said cap.

4. (original) The vial of claim 1 wherein said frangible strip is located between said skirt and said flip-top.

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5. (original) The vial of claim 4 wherein said frangible strip has a pull tab for peeling it away from said cap.

6. (original) The vial of claim 5 wherein said flip-top is attached to said skirt by said hinge and is openable after said frangible strip is removed.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The vial of claim 7 1 wherein said inner circumferential flange recess of said flip-top has a radial tongue portion proximal to said hinge capable of guiding said inner circumferential flange recess into alignment with said circumferential lip flange-of said container.